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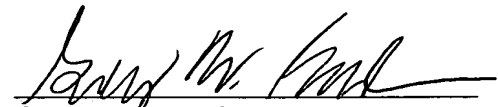
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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of this preliminary amendment prior to examination on the merits on the application filed herewith. This Amendment re-writes the claims to eliminate multiple dependencies, the use of reference characters in the claims and abstract and to present the claims in a more traditional United States format.

Accordingly, this case is believed to be in all respects in condition for examination on the merits, and such examination in favorable consideration are respectfully and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE :

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended as follows:

A valve arrangement, which possesses at least one valve [(3)], which is has a valve housing [(5)] provided with housing ducts. On opposite sides of the valve housing [(5)] there are first and a second interfaces [(18 and 19)] for the fitting of a first and a second connection board [(22 and 23)]. Each connection board comprises at least one connection duct communicating with a housing duct and is held on the valve housing [(5)] because on the one hand it is anchored by way of retaining means [(36)] on the valve housing [(5)] and on the other hand is fixed by means of attachment means [(37)] passing internally externally through the valve housing [(5)] on the oppositely placed second connection board [(23)].

[Figure 3.]

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, the Title of the invention has been amended as follows:

[A] VALVE ARRANGEMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

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At page 16, please the section heading has been amended as follows:

[Claims] **WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

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